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Applicant: Clarke

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Commissioner for Patents

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REPLY

Sir,

This paper is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed March 30, 2004, which is a final rejection. Applicants request an extension of 2 months, i.e. until August 30, 2004, for filing this Reply. Reexamination, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

A Notice of Appeal accompanies this Reply.

IDSs and accompanying Documents

As requested on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicant is filing (separately, and delivered directly to the Examiner) a duplicate set of the IDSs, PTO-1449s, and documents previously supplied to the Office in this and the parent application.

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Amendments to the Specification

There are no amendments to the specification.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper